

Colorado's Arkansas Valley Irrigation Information

To assist producers in documenting planting decisions, RMA in coordination with Colorado State University Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Colorado Division 2 Office of the Water Engineer, and the Farm Service Agency is providing the following information:

- Water delivery estimates and streamflow forecast (June Estimates) -This information is the second release in an ongoing effort to provide producers in the Arkansas Valley with an estimate, by Canal Company, of water deliveries for the crop year. Producers may use this information along with the documentation tool to assist them in making planting decisions.
- Water delivery estimates and streamflow forecast (May Estimates) -This information is the first release in an ongoing effort to provide producers in the Arkansas Valley with an estimate, by Canal Company, of water deliveries for the crop year. Producers may use this information along with the documentation tool to assist them in making planting decisions.
- Producer Documentation Tool - The producer documentation tool is a suggested method for producers to document the sources and amounts of irrigation water that they normally receive and compare them to expected amounts for the current irrigation season.

Please note: Calculations in addition to those included on the producer documentation tool will be necessary for determining the actual number of acres eligible for reporting as an irrigated practice and those eligible for prevented planting.

- Instructions for Completing the Producer Documentation Tool (coming soon)
- Producer Documentation Tool (Completed Example) – This is an example of the producer documentation tool with the questions completed.
- Consumptive Use by Crop
- Normal Growing Season Precipitation by Month

Information on consumptive use by crop and normal precipitation by month are useful information when completing the producer documentation tool.

Training on the completion of the producer tool and use of this information will be made available in the future.

Use of any of this information is voluntary. Producers who choose not to use the estimated water deliveries by canal may continue to use the producer documentation tool to assist them in their documentation needs for crop insurance or other program purposes. Producers choosing not to use any of this information may work individually with their insurance provider to document their planting decisions.